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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
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TAGS: CVIS, SREF, CI

SUBJ: PAROLE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES: FERNANDO FLORES

REF: A) STATE 203441 B) STATE 174407 C) SANTIAGO 4636

1. REFTTEL A INSTRUCTS EMBASSY, UNLESS THERE IS OBJECTION, TO CONVEY FLORES' NAME INFORMALLY TO GOC, CITING US INTEREST IN HIS RELEASE. REF B INSTRUCTS US TO SUBMIT NAMES OF PRIORITY CASES TO ICEM FOR IN-HOUSE PROCESSION; OPTION 3, PRESENTED IN REF C, OF INFORMING GOC INFORMALLY VIA ICEM OF US INTEREST IN ANY GIVEN CASE OF A CHILEAN DETAINEE, WAS SPECIFICALLY REJECTED.

2. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, AND CONFORMING TO OUR PRACTICE BEFORE PAROLE PROGRAM BEGAN, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMING FAMILIES OF DETAINEES THAT USG HAD NOT, IS NOT, AND WILL NOT MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO GOC, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO SEEK RELEASE INTO EXILE OF ANY GIVEN CHILEAN PRISONER.

3. REF A ON FLORES THUS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN USG POLICY. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, A SIMILAR SITUATION AROSE WITH CARLOS CARBACHO (SANTIAGO 4750; STATE 166151). AFTER REFLECTION, DEPARTMENT AGREED THAT "IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO PRESS GOC FOR COMMUTATION."

4. REQUEST, THEREFORE, CONFIRMATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

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REF A. IF CONFIRMED, PLEASE FURNISH GUIDELINES ON OTHER CASES, IF ANY, FOR WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD ASK ICEM TO SEEK GOC COMMUTATION OR RELEASE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE

THAT IF WE MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN ONE CASE (IE.G., FLORES),
ALBEIT INDIRECTLY VIA ICEM, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REFUSE
TO DO SO IN OTHERS.
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*** Current Classification ***

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